

# LYMPNE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



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IN THIS ISSUE  
NEW ELECTION VOTING RULES,  
LOCAL EVENTS, CORONATION  
UPDATE, BECOME A PARISH  
COUNCILLOR  
And much more....

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## NEW LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR VOTERS AT THE POLLING STATION FROM 04 MAY 2023

There is a new legal requirement for voters at the polling station from 04 May 2023.

Voters will have to present a valid form of photographic ID to be issued a Ballot Paper. This requirement is for all elections, including any by-elections that take place after this date.

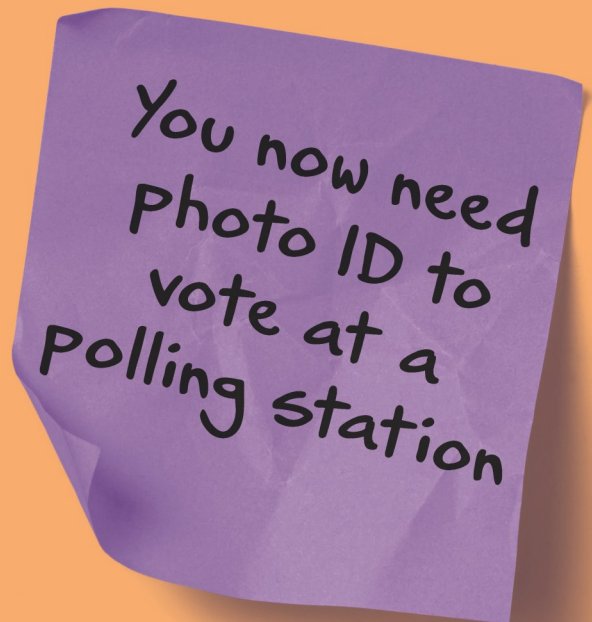
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You do not have to provide photo ID if voting by post, however if you vote by proxy (allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf ) they will need to show ID. There will be an advertising campaign, and a page has been set up on the Parish Council Website.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE ON 4TH MAY. REMEMBER TO VOTE !



**PROGRESSIVE SUPPER IS RETURNING TO LYMPNE  
THREE COURSE MEAL PLUS COFFEE  
SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023  
Cost £15 per couple**

For those who have never been involved in previous years, the idea is that couples/pairs book their place and are allocated one course (starter, main or dessert) to prepare and host for themselves and two other couples. Each couple/pair are also allocated two other homes to enjoy one course each in (so that at each home you meet different people). At the end of the meal everyone will meet in the school hall for coffee. A highly enjoyable evening and a way to make new friends.

Book your place early by emailing Judith East on [1juditheast@gmail.com](mailto:1juditheast@gmail.com) or tel: 07743 878853

**HYPHE FLOWER CLUB** is once again coming to Lympne Village Hall for its annual flower arranging demonstration by Area demonstrator Gill McGregor on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8, available on the door, include tea /coffee and biscuits. Raffles. Doors open at 6 30pm. Do come along to this relaxing and very enjoyable evening.

**STANFORD WITH POSTLING WI**

are to hold a Breakfast Brunch on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May between 10. 00 am - 12 noon. The breakfast is a bap with bacon, egg and sausage with toast & marmalade  
Tea or coffee -refills of drink free  
Veggies catered for £5.00  
Have a lie in and don't bother making your own breakfast,  
Come to us at 5 Honeywood Close for a relaxing start to the day.



**THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III join your neighbours, friends and family for an Afternoon Tea Party sponsored by Lympne Parish Council at Lympne Playing Fields on Sunday 7th May between 2.00 and 6.00pm. Entertainment, for kids of all ages 3 to 93, will be provided between 3.00 and 5.00 by Magic AI, a show including a Circus workshop, Stilt walking, Juggling, Balloon modelling and Magic, any volunteers to be sawn in half?, no need to book the show is free for all, just turn up and enjoy.

Refreshments are being provided in the form of an Afternoon Tea Kids Bag (£5 per bag, max £10 per family) and a Cream Tea, scones, jam, clotted cream, tea or coffee (£5 per Cream Tea.)

Any monies raised on the day will be shared between 3 organisations that are at the heart of our community, Friends of Lympne School, St Stephens Church and Lympne Village Hall.

Following the success of the Jubilee Bake Off we are having a Coronation Bake off, cakes will be available to buy. Please feel free to bring along your own food and picnic on the grass, whilst enjoying the show.

**Lympne Village Hall Committee**

You will have noticed some activity over the last couple of weekends in March. A bunch of hardy volunteers and Girl Guides have been planting over 300 trees and shrubs on the playing field, donated by the Woodland Trust. These will mature over the years to give us a spectacular wooded area to enjoy.

The halls continue to be fully booked most of the time, so if you are planning a family event it's best to book well in advance. As mentioned last month, we'll be holding some special events over the coronation weekend in addition to our usual Summer Fayre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.



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## OTTERPOOL LANE LITTER

Progress is being made with finding a solution to the litter issues in this area after a productive meeting was held with Ewan Green District Council Officer for the environment. Additional collections have been arranged along with appointing an specific officer to liaise with the Parish Council and the owners of the industrial site- Further information in future issues



## LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

IN THE HARRY MARGARY HALL  
Films will be shown every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of  
the month (not December).

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Showing on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April:

### ***Fisherman's Friends: One and All***

*An enchanting sequel. The Cornish songsters have been  
away on tour and now they have to cope with the pres-  
sures and pitfalls of their newfound fame*

Showing on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:

### ***THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN***

*Mark Rylance stars as a would-be golfer in a heartwarming  
comedy about an optimistic dreamer whose ambition is  
to play in the British Open.*

## KENT GARDENER

Now clocks have gone forward spring seems a little nearer, daffodils have been out for a while and trees are beginning to blossom. Most trees are hardy but some flowers and buds are susceptible to frost damage so have some fleece handy to protect smaller specimens and half hardy plants should the need arise. Dead head daffodils but let the foliage die back naturally for 6 weeks. This looks messy but it builds up the bulbs for another year and new growth on nearby plants can help disguise this. Prune out frost or wind damaged shoots to promote new growth and afterwards a generous handful of a general fertiliser will not go amiss. Leaving dead foliage on plants like penstemons and salvias until later helps to protect new growth from frost and biting winds. As the temperature rises cut down the old stems to two sturdy leaves or new growth near the base. Cut back shrubby salvias by about a third to keep their shape. Keep any seedlings sown indoors away from frost and harden them off carefully for 10 days or so before planting out. When sowing seeds directly into the ground sow small quantities or short rows at 10 - 14 days intervals for a continuous but not overwhelming crop. Containers like egg boxes, yogurt pots and fruit punnets can be reused to start growing seed and large drinks bottles with the bottom cut off can be used as a cover to prevent seeds drying out. Think about installing a water butt with a rainwater diverter from a downpipe in case we have a dry summer. Your garden will thank you. Happy gardening.

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## LYMPNE AIRFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

The March 7<sup>th</sup> presentation was well received and well attended as we hosted Adam Fraser and Catherine Tappenden from the company Arcadis. Their subject was the 1919 record breaking flight to Cairo of Harry Yates in 1919. The next presentation is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> when John Simpson will be presenting his new book, *Tales of Lympe Airfield*, which features thirty chapters of interesting accounts from over the seventy year aviation history of the airfield. These are based on material written for the *Lympe Newsletter*, now expanded and new ones added. Our start time is 7.30pm. Admission £2

This month we look at an accident that befell a CPFC pilot in 1928.

### Skyfall Over Botolph's Bridge

By John Simpson



Boltolp's Bridge Inn  
Courtesy of  
Rory Kehoe

Guy Skinner was a successful fruit farmer from Boughton Monchelsea south of Maidstone. Three months earlier he had joined the *Cinque Ports Flying Club* at Lympe and had learned to fly, gaining his 'A' licence only recently. He had been qualified only two weeks and was yet to pass his oral examination. He was relatively inexperienced with only five or six hours solo flight time. His instructor Major Travers had experienced two below par loops with him in recent times and had lost a watch from his pocket when inverted which pointed to his student's rough aeroplane handling.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1928 he had been having some dual control tuition with Major Travers for about fifteen minutes, and after 5pm he took off again this time solo and headed towards nearby Botolph's Bridge where he started to perform aerobatics. First he put the CPFC owned De Havilland Moth G-EBSS into a loop, then another followed by a half roll, but he allowed the nose to drop. He then went into an unintended spin and tried to force the Moth out of its spin forcefully, which propelled him forward in the cockpit. This tore the seat belt from the starboard mounting and from an inverted position he fell from the cockpit at around 850 feet. He hit the ground near Selby Farm suffering multiple fractures and shock dying instantaneously. The 'plane's wreckage fell about 30 yards away. It was about 5.15pm.

Hearing a crash, the farmer Spencer Reeve, ran towards where he could see the wreckage, but saw the body of Guy Skinner before he reached it. He could see he was motionless, badly injured and already dead, so he continued to the wreckage, worrying that there could be someone else on board. The broken seat belt mounting was evident in the wreckage. He then sent a message by car to report what he had heard and seen. CPFC personnel and emergency services drove to the scene.

The inquest was held on the Monday afternoon at the *Botolph's Bridge Inn*, conducted by the Coroner R.S. Jones. John Smith who knew him gave evidence of identification. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Guy Thornton Skinner was 29 years old and had been born in 1898 to Thornton and Elizabeth Skinner of White Lodge, Boughton Monchelsea. Guy was reportedly a heavily built man, which had contributed to the seat belt being broken in his last moments. He had been privately educated and had a lot of friends in Ashford where he was often seen. The CPFC board of directors offered their sincere sympathy to his family and friends. His father himself died a few years later in 1935.

For information about the Lympe Airfield History Society, contact:  
John Simpson on 07508 708725 or email:  
[johnsimpson43@btinternet.com](mailto:johnsimpson43@btinternet.com)

## STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE (SHAL)

The largest attendance for a SHAL meeting, in March, was enthralled by the feedback from Richard Taylor, our archaeologist, and his colleague, Dr. Simon Elliott, on the importance of our 2022 excavation. The four trenches investigated had revealed a) a stone wall and post-holes indicating a Roman workshop, b) a roadside settlement with a cremation burial of a military person with accompanying grave pots including Samian ware, and c) coins from Hadrian's reign (117-122AD). Overall there was an amazing range of ceramics from all parts of the Roman Empire (70-120) and from 270, whilst the coins found spanned from 110-420. Our speakers' view was that Supra Lemanis, as they described it, was a significant site, serving as a vicus (civilian settlement) with roadside buildings, a clear roadway North, and having considerable cross-Channel trade and communication routes. The Beacon Field overlooked the busy port and was probably a significant signal station across to Boulogne, whilst Stone Street came north through the civilian settlement heading to Canterbury. Richard's and Simon's view is that Supra Lemanis existed for over 300 years from 100AD with significant growth and importance nationally and internationally. Initial plans for a further investigation and excavation in 2023 are being considered with a view to relooking at the burial found and to discover more about the purpose and structure of Beacon Field. The next meeting on 18 April is our AGM followed by a talk from SHAL member, Mike Pearson, about the 1990s excavation and finds at the Roman site, Westhawk Farm, Ashford.

# ST STEPHENS CHURCH

## SERVICES AND EVENTS IN APRIL

- 2nd Parish Communion 11.00 am  
 9th Family Communion for Easter Day lead by Sunday Club and followed by Easter Egg Hunt 11.00 am  
 16th Parish Communion 11.00 am  
 30th Benefice Holy Communion 11.00 am

The Church will reopen during the day from 2nd April until 28th October

## SUNDAY CLUB

Meets at

The Lads' Club, Rectory Lane, Saltwood, CT21 4QA, 10-11am during term time.

We have a wonderful time with all sorts of art & crafts and cooking, games and lots of drama. Fun groups for children aged 3-10 years.

The Monday Club for young people aged 11 - 16 years is also held from 5.30 - 7.00 pm at its usual venue.

New faces to both groups are always very welcome.

For more information ring: Christine Clover on 0300 0301662, text: 07379 877846 or email:

christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk.



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I am tempted to say that the cold weather is well and truly behind us, but I recall not that long ago going out in the snow on Good Friday. Whatever the weather, this is and will always be, my favourite time of year. We see the signs of new life through nature, like the daffodils and the spring lambs. There is the hope of milder weather and longer days to enjoy now the clocks have changed. What I thoroughly appreciate at this time of year, is the celebrations for Easter. Much goes on at this time of year in relation to Easter and this year has been no exception. I have enjoyed visiting our schools in the run up to Easter and sharing the love that Jesus had for the world with the children. It is a such a joy to see them learn that there is more to Easter than chocolate. This joy then continued through Easter Week. Unlike Christmas, which focuses primarily on the one event, the birth of Jesus, Easter Week focuses on the many events that occurred during the last days of Jesus. You really need to experience these celebrations and reflections to fully appreciate both the sacrifice and hope that Jesus' death signifies. On the 19th April, 7pm, in The Lads Club, Saltwood, we will have the first in our ten week series that is the Alpha Course. Anyone is welcome and together we share a meal and then watch a short video about the Christian faith. This is followed with the opportunity, in your group, to ask whatever questions you have. There is no question off the table. This is open to all views and opinions in order to make an informed decision about the truth about God. You remain in the same group throughout the course and life-long friendships are often made. Don't worry if you can't make every week. If you want to know more, please email me at rev.barry@icloud.com The year ahead looks promising as we reflect on past experience and look how we can serve those around us with more love and compassion. The world is needy and so is our community. With Jesus' help and guidance, we can do so much to help through the many skills and gifts we share. Jesus had such love for us as we are reminded each Easter. Surely, we can find just a little more love for one another? REV BARRY

**Lympe Fellowship-** At our March meeting Debbie Jones gave an interesting talk "Genealogist - Private Investigator" about her own childhood, family history and moving on through her life working towards her interest in genealogy and research. Food for thought to get us considering (if we haven't already done so) researching our own backgrounds and ancestry. You just never know what you might find. Lympe Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, with a programme of interesting and informative talks and activities. For further information about our group, please contact Jill Page on 01303 263756.

## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE

Even if you are unable to join us at 11.00 am for our Morning Worship, do join us for a **BRING AND SHARE LUNCH** at approximately 12.30pm followed by our Annual Meeting to hear what has been happening and future plans for our lovely church. All are welcome.

## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH



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SATURDAY 15th April 2023  
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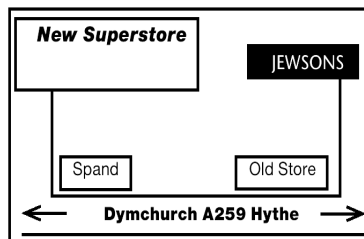
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Do you have what it takes to become a Councillor? Do you want to influence village life and make changes for the benefit of those that live here?

More information will be posted in this newsletter as we approach the elections but if you want to know more please contact the clerk

or visit

[www.kentalc.gov.uk/  
Becoming a Local Councillor 22718.aspx](http://www.kentalc.gov.uk/Becoming_a_Local_Councillor_22718.aspx)

Lots of information can be found at the above website. In addition please use the following website for information on obtaining nomination papers.

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### APRIL 2023

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